Group	Academic	Ancillary+ Administrative	Total
A	72(Prof. Reader & Lecturer)	16	88
B	NIL	74	74
C	NIL	106	106
D	NIL	24	24

The Expenditure Review Commission (ERC) of Government of India in its report has *interalia* recommended that NCERT should reduce the non-academic staff strength so as to achieve a ratio 1: 1.5 to 1:2 between academic and non-academic staff within next few years and to achieve this the Commission suggested that 75% of non-academic posts falling vacant in any year should be abolished till the desired ratio is achieved. For vacancies within this ratio recruitment is on going and time consuming process and it takes some time to find suitable replacements.

Recognition to Sanskrit

4439. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :

SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to give more recognition to Sanskrit in Government and private run schools and colleges in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government intend to change the curriculum to make the subject more interesting;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (e) Government has already taken several initiatives for the promotion of Sanskrit at School and College level.

At present, under the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) more than 1,50,000 students offer Sanskrit at Secondary and Senior School levels. It is one of the three most sought after language subjects at the Secondary level.

CBSE has also recently introduced the communicative approach in the teaching of Sanskrit along with a number of teaching training programmes. Under the communicative approach, the curriculum has been made more attractive by facilitating active participation of students in the learning process giving emphasis on reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.

Government has also set up three Deemed Sanskrit Universities viz. Shri Lal Bhadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (LBSRSV) at New Delhi, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha at Tirupati and Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), New Delhi. In the Vidyapiths of the RSKS and LBSRV Computer courses have been introduced. In collaboration with the Indira Gandhi National Open University, efforts are underway in RSV, Tirupati and RSKS to use satellite and the Internet for interactive Sanskrit teaching.

For both school and college level students and for the general public, the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi has also opened 100 non-formal centers where spoken Sanskrit courses of three months' duration are conducted.

Review of pay scales

4440. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rastogi Committee Report to Review the Pay Scales of University and College Teachers have recommended NET exemption for Ph.Ds to be qualified as Lecturers in Universities and Colleges; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not accepting this recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commisssion (UGC), the Rastogi Committee had recommended that those candidates who have 55% marks in the Master's Degree and have obtained Ph.D. after 1993 should be exempted from qualifying in the NET/SLET to become eligible for the post of Lecturer.

The matter was considered by the UGC and it was felt that such an exemption would dilute the standard of Ph.D. and also quality of teaching.